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Main Entry: **con·ju·gate**

Pronunciation: \kän-jü-gät, -jä-gät\

Function: *adjective*

Etymology: Middle English *conjugat*, from Latin *conjugatus*, past participle of *conjugare* to unite, from *com-* + *jugare* to join, from *jugum* yoke — more at **YOKER**

Date: 15th century

1 **a** : joined together especially in pairs : **COUPLED** **b** : acting or operating as if joined

2 **a** : having features in common but opposite or inverse in some particular **b** : relating to or being conjugate complex numbers <complex roots occurring in conjugate pairs>

3 *of an acid or base* : related by the difference of a proton <the acid NH_4^+ and the base NH_3 are conjugate to each other>

4 : having the same derivation and therefore usually some likeness in meaning <conjugate words>

5 *of two leaves of a book* : forming a single piece

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Function: *noun*

Date: 14th century

1 : one that carries : **BEARER, MESSENGER**

2 a : an individual or organization engaged in transporting passengers or goods for hire **b** : a transportation line carrying mail between post offices **c** : a postal employee who delivers or collects mail **d** : one that delivers newspapers **e** : an entity (as a hole or an electron) capable of carrying an electric charge

3 a : a container for carrying **b** : a device or machine that carries : **CONVEYOR**

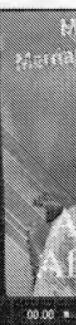
4 : AIRCRAFT CARRIER

5 a : a bearer and transmitter of a causative agent of an infectious disease; *especially* : one who carries the causative agent of a disease systemically but is asymptomatic or immune to it **b** : an individual (as one heterozygous for a recessive trait) having a specified gene that is not expressed or only weakly expressed in its phenotype

6 a : a usually inactive accessory substance : **VEHICLE** <a carrier for a drug or an insecticide> **b** : a substance (as a catalyst) by whose agency some element or group is transferred from one compound to another

7 a : an electromagnetic wave or alternating current whose modulations are used as communications signals (as in radio, telephonic, or telegraphic transmissions) **b** : a telecommunication company

8 : an organization acting as an insurer



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